

### **Amendments to the Specification**

On page 3 of the above-identified specification, please replace the paragraph on line 25 with the paragraph below:

FIGS. 6A-6B ~~are is~~ a perspective views of the torsion spring counterbalance mechanism.

On page 6 of the above-identified specification, please replace the paragraph starting on line 22 with the paragraph below:

In this example, a counterbalance is provided during folding and unfolding by a pair of torsion springs 271. Alternately, other counter balance devices familiar to those skilled in the art may be used, such as a single spring, one or more gas cylinders, or a cable and weight pulley mechanism. Referring now to FIGS. 6A-6B, which are ~~is~~ a perspective views of the ~~right~~ torsion springs, the right torsion spring 271b is mounted on a torsion spring support bar 131 between flange 96b on the head end rail cross member 96 and torsion spring retention collar 272 which is adjustably fixed to the torsion spring support bar. The head end rail cross member and its flanges pivot in relation to the torsion spring support bar 131. The torsion spring support bar passes through a bushing 134 mounted in the flange 96b, and is retained by torsion spring bar retainer bracket 132 positioned on the right vertical supports 94 of the head end base assembly 90. The end 135 (not shown) of the torsion spring support bar is shaped with machined flats so that the end of the bar fits into u-shaped torsion spring bar retainer bracket 132. Torsion spring bar retainer bracket screw 133 is used to secure the bracket to the bar. In this embodiment, the left torsion spring assembly is symmetrical

to the right torsion spring assembly. The torsion springs are designed to apply a torque to the side rails in order to assist in folding the machine.

On page 7 of the above-identified specification, please replace the paragraph starting on line 15 with the paragraph below:

Referring to FIGS. 6A-6B, in this embodiment, the rail locking mechanism 505 includes a right and a left portion which extend through curvilinear slots 520 provided on both the right flange 96b and left flange 96a of the head end cross member 96. The frame locking shaft then passes through holes in the right vertical support 94 and the left vertical support 95 of the head end base. The curvilinear slots allow the head end rail cross member 96 to rotate about the torsion spring support bar 131 even as the frame locking shaft extends through the head end flanges. The frame locking shaft 506 has a frame locking shaft right side 510, a frame locking shaft left side 560 (not shown), and a locking shaft coupler 530 (not shown).